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SUBJECT: INTERNAL SHIFTS: REPORTED DECISION TO TRANSFER
TROFIN APPARENTLY REVERSED

REF: BUCHAREST 1753

1. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE DIRECTOR THAT PRESIDUM MEMBER VIRGIL TROFIN WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED FROM MINISTRY OF DOMESTIC TRADE TO REPLACE BLAJOVICI AS PRESIDENT OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR LOCAL ECONOMY AND ADMINISTRATION. THIS OFFICIAL SAID THAT STATE COMMITTEE WILL BE HEADED BY " SOMEONE ELSE." HE SAID THAT TROFIN HAS BEEN " LOCKED IN CONCRETE" AS MINISTER FOR DOMESTIC TRADE AND WILL DEFINITELY NOT REPLACE BLAJOVICI.

2. WE NOTE THAT AS REPORTED BUCHAREST 1846, TROFIN WAS RECENTLY NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE SECTION FOR LIVING STANDARDS AND INTERNAL TRADE OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED SUPREME COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. COMMENT: IT POSSIBLE THAT TROFIN'S ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT IN AREA OF PROVISIONING AND LIVING STANDARDS GAVE RISE TO SOURCE'S COMMENT THAT TROFIN WAS NOW FIXED " IN CONCRETE" IN HIS PRESENT JOB. BECAUSE SUCCESS IN THE CONSUMER SECTOR WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE IN NIEW OF THE CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND PLAN OVERFUL-
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FILLMENT, TROFIN APPEARS TO BE SADDLED WITH TWIN LIABILITIES--
OCCUPYING A POLITICALLY UNIMPORTANT POSITION IN PARTY ERMS,
BUT ONE WHICH IS HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO POPULAR CRITICISM FOR
SHORTCOMINGS.

3. INDICATION THAT TROFIN WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED AFTER ALL
TO BLAJOVICI' S POSITION (DESPITE NUMEROUS REPORTS FROM WIDE
VARIETY OF SOURCES, INCLUDING KNOWLEDGABLE ROMANIAN OFFICIALS)
IS INTERESTING IN DEMONSTRATING OR APPEARING TO DEMONSTRATE
(SIMILAR TO ABORTED LATE 1972 ATTEMPT TO REMOVE DUMITRU POPESCU
AS HEAD OF CULTURAL COUNCIL) THAT NOT ALL LEADERSHIP CHANGES
ARE MADE AT WILL AND THAT A PROCESS OF ACCOMMODATION TO VARIOUS
INTEREST GROUPS AND FORCES IN OFTEN NECESSARY.
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